

Copy to:-  
General Alfred Gruenther.

14, Lovelitch Street,  
LONDON, S.W.15.

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Dear Senator Cooper,

I have been instructed to put these facts to your attention and ask that you use your good offices in shattering whatever obstacles there may be for the nomination of General Gruenther.

1. That as the American political scene is at present, 50% Democrat and 30% Republican, some dynamic Republican candidate should be chosen who may capture the remaining 20% of the electorate and win over a few more Democrats.
2. That as it is not binding that the Vice-President should take over when there are older and experienced men, the candidature of General Gruenther, like that of President Eisenhower, should be weighed on individual merits. Senator Taft, the son of an American President, had to give way in 1953 and as the present state of the union requires a strong and respectable man who would safeguard minority rights and other crucial issues, it is proper that General Gruenther be backed.
3. That as Senate Democratic leader, Lyndon Johnson, may be the Democratic candidate considering that Senator Kennedy's Roman Catholic background and youth may handicap him, it will be only too wise to get somebody of his own stature to rival him.
4. Finally, President Eisenhower's support of Vice-President Nixon in last week's Girdiron dinner has tactically menaced his prospects, because stalwarts like Senator Hugh Scott and General Albert Wedemeyer have better qualifications.

In the circumstances and bearing in mind that the N.A.A.C.P., Afro-Asian Bloc and the United States Armed Forces may support him, it is a feeling that it is not a question of attempting the impossible by supporting General Gruenther.

God bless you!

Yours truly,

*for Miss Ann Bishop*  
Propaganda Secretary,  
Anti-Communist Alliance Movement.